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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned, pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 38, at 6:26 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 2, 2012 (Unless the Senate has received a message from the House of Representatives that the House has adopted S. Con. Res. 38, Adjournment Resolution. And if the Senate has received such a message, the Senate stand adjourned until 2 p.m., on Monday, April 16, 2012.) (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2283.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from Thomas Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Frank Kendall III, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, and James N. Miller, Jr., of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Policy, who were both introduced by Senator Reed, Erin C. Conaton, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, who was introduced by Representative Hoyer, Jessica Lynn Wright, of Pennsylvania, and Katharina G. McFarland, of Virginia, both to be an Assistant Secretary, and Heidi Shyu, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, all of the Department

of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Jerome H. Powell, of Maryland, and Jeremy C. Stein, of Massachusetts, both to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Jeremiah O'Hear Norton, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and Richard B. Berner, of Massachusetts, to be Director, Office of Financial Research, and Christy L. Romero, of Virginia, to be Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program, both of the Department of the Treasury.

SAFE AND EFFICIENT MOBILE PAYMENTS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine developing the framework for safe and efficient mobile payments, after receiving testimony from Sandra F. Braunstein, Director, Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and Kenneth C. Montgomery, First Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

FUEL PRICE TRENDS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine current and near-term future price expectations and trends for motor gasoline and other refined petroleum fuels, after receiving testimony from Howard Gruenspecht, Acting Administrator, U.S. Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Daniel Yergin, IHS Cambridge Energy Research Associates, and Frank A. Verrastro, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), both of Washington, D.C.; and Paul Horsnell, Barclays, London, United Kingdom.

NIGERIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded a hearing to examine Nigeria, focusing on security, governance, and trade, after receiving testimony from Johnnie Carson, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; Sharon Cromer, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Paul Marin, Regional Director, Sub-Saharan Africa, U.S. Trade and Development Agency.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight concluded a hearing to examine contractors, focusing on how much they are costing the government, after receiving testimony from Jay D. Aronowitz, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Force Management, Manpower and Resources, Department of Defense; Debra M. Tomchek, Executive Director, Balanced Workforce Program Management Office, Department of Homeland Security; and Charles D. Grimes III, Chief Operating Officer, U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Food and Drug Administration (FDA) user fee agreements, focusing on strengthening FDA and the medical products industry for the benefit of patients, after receiving testimony from Janet Woodcock, Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, and Jeffrey Shuren, Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, both of the Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and David E. Wheadon, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, Sara Radcliffe, Biotechnology Industry Organization, David R. Gaugh, Generic Pharmaceutical Association, David Nexon, Advanced Medical Technology Association, and Allan Coukell, Pew Health Group, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2159, to extend the authorization of the Drug-Free Communities Support Program through fiscal year 2017, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Richard Gary Taranto, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, Robin S. Rosenbaum, to be United

States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Gershwin A. Drain, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, and Gregory K. Davis, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi, Department of Justice.

FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN ACT

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2219, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, Super PACs and other entities, after receiving testimony from Fred Wertheimer, Democracy 21, Washington, D.C.; David Keating, Center for Competitive Politics, Alexandria, Virginia; and Richard L. Hasen, University of California Irvine School of Law.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Small Business Administration, after receiving testimony from Karen G. Mills, Administrator, Peggy E. Gustafson, Inspector General, and Winslow Sargeant, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Office of Advocacy, all of the Small Business Administration; William B. Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; Ridgely Evers, SCORE, Healdsburg, California; Christopher G. Hurn, Mercantile Capital Corporation, Orlando, Florida; and Anthony Wilkinson, National Association of Government Guaranteed Lenders, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 49 public bills, H.R. 4295–4343; and 13 resolutions, H.J. Res. 107; H. Con. Res. 115; and H. Res. 602–611, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: